

Village of Webster  
Village Workshop Meeting  
February 3, 2015

Webster Community Meeting Hall  
29 South Avenue  
Webster, NY 14580

Present: Mayor Cahill, Trustee Balcaen, Trustee Ippolito Jr., Trustee Byerts, and Trustee Lancy

## Village Board Business

A presentation was shared by Ben Frevert, a representative from Larsen Engineers regarding the implementation of Solar Energy Panels and systems. The presentation was related to the possible installation of solar panels at the Sewage Treatment Plant in an effort to save money in energy costs. Larsen Engineers would analyze electric usage and develop a preliminary design and system size needed in terms of power generation and land area needed. They would provide technical expertise to help understand the elements of the solar PV project and work with organizations that will provide the best value.

A presentation was shared by Gary Miller, a representative from ClearCove Systems, a new company who regard wastewater as energy. The presentation was related to the Sewage Treatment Plant and how it could reduce energy consumption while capturing methane gas to create energy for less money. The process focuses on the primary treatment of wastewater, with a patented screening technology that enhances the settling process of a wastewater treatment plant. It removes organic matter from the waste system before aeration begins. Its system creates an organic byproduct that can be used for anaerobic digestion to convert to gas or electricity.

Mayor Cahill discussed with the Board the need to increase the Village of Webster investment with WCCED (Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development) for the purpose of creating a full time position (currently part-time position) for Matt Chatfield, to enable him to spend more time if needed for grant writing. The School District, the BID, and the Chamber of Commerce are all going to increase their investment. The Town will not increase their current investment. Mayor Cahill reiterated that the initial investment of \$10K from the Village has returned an astounding \$833K from the grant that Matt wrote and the Village was awarded in regards to the TAP Grant. The Village was also recently awarded a \$60K Grant for the Cold Water Feasibility Study which Matt Chatfield also wrote.

TABLED – Proposed Temporary Fence Ordinance discussion was tabled to the next Village Board Workshop scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

The Board discussed the possible date change of the Village Elections from the month of March to either June or November. There was a majority consensus following a discussion to move the date to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. There will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm, to pass a resolution regarding the date change in order for a proposition to be presented on the March Ballot 2015. The proposition for the change in date to the third Tuesday in June will be voted on by the public.

Jake Swingly, Superintendent of Public Works, discussed and presented to the Board a preliminary vehicle replacement and rotation plan for 2015.

TABLED – Budget discussions were tabled to the next Village Board Workshop scheduled on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

## Adjournment

Motion Trustee Lancy and Seconded by Trustee Byerts to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm, all were in favor and carried.

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Josette Amalfi, Village Clerk

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John J. Cahill, Mayor